

WOMAN HOPES TO RIDE INTO U. S. SENATE BY SPEEDY "FAMILY FLIVVER" CAMPAIGN

Minnesota Promised Real Novelty When Anna Dickie Olesen Tours State in Little Car, With Hubby as Press Agent and Daughter Writing Speeches

WANTS UNCLE SAM TO PUT HIS BANKROLL IN BACK OF ALL REAL HOMESEEKERS

First Woman to Carry Senatorial Banner for Major Political Party Sees Good Chance Against Well-Greased Republican Machine

NATIONAL aid to home owners.
That is a big plank in the political platform of Mrs. Anna Dickie Olesen, Minnesota's woman nominee for the United States Senate upon the Democratic ticket. She is the first woman senatorial nominee of a major party, although others have made the race as independents, Socialists or Prohibitionists.

Mrs. Olesen, a trim little woman with the gift of rapid speech, declares that the National Farmers' Loan Act has lifted the fear of mortgage foreclosure from the hearts of thousands of American farmers.

Why not, then, she asks, a similar act to aid the millions of home holders?

"The farmers' loan act was a great step forward in progressive economic legislation," she said, in an interview Saturday. "and I would like to see a carefully worked out measure that would insure the same thing to all the home owners of America."

"The home is the basis of civilization and of our national life. People who own their own homes are happiest in the world."

That is Mrs. Olesen all over—a champion of the home. And she is going into her campaign with some very definite ideas along this and other lines.

She is opposed to child labor, stands for soldier compensation and prohibition, and looks upon easy marriages and easy divorces as a peril to the Nation.

She would like to see a tariff bill written by somebody besides millionaires, and she believes the women of the country should be even more patriotic than the men, as their opportunities are so much greater here than in other countries.

Gives Political Creed She Long Has Advocated
This is the political creed of Mrs. Olesen, boiled down, just as she gave it herself in her pleasant little home at Colquet, which is hardly more than a village, in Northern Minnesota near Duluth.

Mrs. Olesen is thirty-six years old and the wife of the superintendent of schools of Colquet. She is an orator, a Democratic leader, a clubwoman and a wonderful huswife, full of vitality and vim, and yet what one might call a pleasant little homemaker.

She is the Minnesota woman member of the Democratic National Committee and has neither political manager nor publicity agent. She talks for herself, says what she thinks, and is running her own campaign.

The nominee has a daughter, Mary, and it is Mary who will drive the family flivver when Mrs. Olesen visits every city, town and hamlet in the State, as she intends to do, presenting her cause. The flivver, a little sedan, was presented to Mrs. Olesen by her friends after she had captured the Democratic nomination.

Mrs. Olesen was born near Waterville, Minn. She is the daughter of Peter and Margaret Dickie, of Scotch-Irish descent, her grandparents on both sides went to Minnesota in the fifties. Her early education was received in a one-room rural school, and she was graduated from the Waterville High School. She also attended Hamline University, in St. Paul, but lived on the farm of her parents until she was married, on June 10, 1905.

Has Helped Nominate Presidential Candidate
Since 1912 she has been active in club work, and was president of the Eighth Minnesota Congressional District Women's Federated Clubs from 1913 to 1916. In 1920 she became delegate-at-large to the Democratic National Convention.

No much for her public life. "I think a woman can attend to her home duties and still participate in club activities, or in politics," Mrs. Olesen said. "But my one big idea in this campaign is to conduct myself so that no woman need be ashamed that I am of her sex, and if nothing else is accomplished I want the campaign to be a political trail-blazer for the women of Minnesota."

They do whisper, out in Minnesota, that Mrs. Olesen was nominated as the result of a fluke—and if she was, she was quick-witted enough to grab the opportunity when it presented itself. She went into the campaign with a clear mind, and she is going through with some of her long-honored practices.

hopes and ideals of these people. A public office is a public trust. Neither private friendship nor any other interest should keep a public servant from working for the general good.

"In the solution of our problems we look for a measure by which to judge our actions. Well, American ideals of government are very precious to us all. The preamble of our Constitution says that our Government was ordained for the common defense and for the common welfare. I will measure all political actions by that gauge. I will make up my mind whether it is for the common defense and for the common welfare."

"The American people are opposed to class government, whether it be the millionaire or any other class. Human rights are ever above property rights, although property rights must always be protected."

In Favor of Organization if Used in Right Way
"We have great business interests in America. It is an age of tremendous organization. And, remember, it takes organized power to carry on the commerce and trade of the world."

"Sometimes, in Washington, however, great groups of men with the love of money as their slogan organize perfectly for the procuring of legislation for their own welfare, legislation that is inimical to the public good."

"Greed takes possession at times, and whether greed is of rich or poor it is a hideous thing. I shall stand against the forces of greed and for the advancement of progressive legislation for all the people."

"The tariff? I would stand against a tariff so high as to make it impossible to pay the grocery and clothing bills. Experts tell us that the present tariff bill will raise the cost of living in this country \$2,000,000,000."

"Eleven millionaires helped write that Tariff Bill. They did not understand the needs of the common people. We need more folk in the Senate who have had to struggle with the high cost of living. We have had to wonder whether the wages would clothe the family and pay the rent and the grocery bill. One must suffer to sympathize fully with the suffering of humanity."

"One must have had to cope individually with the high cost of living before he can conscientiously represent the people in the making of a tariff bill. The farmers are clamoring in Minnesota for trade with Europe. Too many farmers are being sold out for mortgages in this State, due to economic depression."

"These farmers read how the Senate appropriates money for the eradication

To Take 'Hubby' Along If Elected to Senate

MRS. OLESEN expects to take her husband with her to Washington if she is elected to the United States Senate.
"The two of us would give the best that is in us to the one office," she said.

Since 1919 her husband has been superintendent of schools of Colquet, hardly more than a village, in Northern Minnesota.



ANNA DICKIE OLESEN
Democratic nominee for Senate in Minnesota



ALICE ROBERTSON
Only woman now in Congress

of the barberry bush, and then they tell me they will eradicate their own barberry bushes if the Senate will help stimulate trade with Europe, rather than check it. They say it is no use making two blades of grass grow where only one grew before if they cannot sell the one blade.

Will Fight Sales Tax if Sent to Senate
"Then, again, folk out here are opposed to a sales tax, and they are against the subsidizing of great corporations. They believe it to be un-sound economically. Now, the farmer does not need subsidizing, and he won-

Wants Women to Enter U. S. Political Field
MRS. OLESEN believes all women should interest themselves in public affairs.
"America," she says, "is the judgment of all Americans, is the best country in the world in which to live. We love it as we love our own families."

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ders why the great corporations do need it. We desire to keep people's hands out of Uncle Sam's pockets, and to save the money in the public treasury.

"We believe there should be a tax on excess profits."

"We believe the soldiers' compensation should be passed. The soldiers have earned it and they should have it."

land. They believe in the perpetuity of free government, and cannot endure the bribery so flagrantly existing in our great legislative bodies.

"Legislation should aim, so far as humanly possible, to give every man an opportunity. Legislation should hold human greed in check. A bill should be passed prohibiting child labor, and if that cannot be done constitutionally, then the Constitution should be amended and child labor abolished."

"I endorse also to the fullest extent the program of the League of Women Voters in regard to social welfare legislation."

"Prohibition? It is not an issue in the Minnesota campaign. My oppo-

nent has declared himself in favor of prohibition. Now, I am in favor of prohibition also, but it is not an issue in the platform of either party. Prohibition is not in any way an issue in Minnesota."

Mrs. Olesen touched on the subject of patriotism.

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Will Use Little Flivver To Fight State Machine

"MY OPPOSITION here in Minnesota is prepared to use a well-greased machine," says Mrs. Anna Olesen, woman senatorial nominee.

"Well, my machine will be a flivver, and, with my daughter as my chauffeur, I am going to speak in every city, village, hamlet and crossroads in this State. I know thousands are with me. "David slew Goliath. "I believe David's sister could have done the same thing. "I am ready to try it."



is the time of joy and exuberance. Mothers and fathers have superior wisdom.

"Homes should be made so attractive—I do not mean from a viewpoint of exclusive furnishings, but from the viewpoint of love and harmony and sweetness—that more young people will find their pleasure at home rather than on the streets of the city."

"I would rather ruin a fine rug or beautiful table any day by having young

people play about in the rooms than to be so careful of my furnishings that the child would rather be away than at home."

"May God bless the girls of America, flappers and otherwise. The heart of the older woman goes out to them in love and sympathy."

"Would I advise curling modern girls? This is an age of progress, an age of freedom, but the good book says, 'Move not the ancient landmarks from us.' Youth ever needs advice and counsel, and the tenderest kind of guardians."

"I would not curb any girl in her love of tennis, her love of horseback riding, her love of the bicycle, or her love of any of the finer and higher things of life."

"It is a great thing for youth to have a hobby, but the modern public dance hall, for a girl under age, is not a safe place. We of the older generation did not live as children through a war period with the world all topsy-turvy. The girls of today are living through that period. We tenderness and love we must give them our counsel and love, and advice."

"The biggest movement is a wonderful thing. If an older woman sees a girl with her feet on the wrong path she should not sit and criticize the girl. She should invite her into her home and help her. The girl is just a little sister and loves a good time."

AMY KAUKONEN
Mayor of Fairport, O.

Modern Girl's Fads Do Not Get Her Approval

Mrs. Olesen was asked for her views of the modern girl. She doesn't care for some of their fads, but neither does she regard these as a matter of great concern.

"In politics one discusses those ills that can be remedied by legislation," she said. "I scarcely see how it would be possible to legislate the flapper away, therefore she is not an issue in any political campaign."

"The girls of America, however, are the brightest jewels in America's diadem. What the girl of today is the mother of tomorrow will be, and will be good and worthy mothers. Youth

can a woman hold public office and at the same time do justice to her domestic duties?"

"It is a great question," Mrs. Olesen conceded. "It is a matter of individual concern. You see, I believe that the local unit of government, for instance, should be given as much power as possible, the State should not infringe, and the Nation should not interfere with the State government more than necessary. So, each individual must have his own problems as to what is right for him to do. No law can decide whether a woman can hold public office and perform her duties at home. This must be left to her own conscience, and to circumstances."

"The mother with a young and growing family would have neither time nor inclination, perhaps, to hold a public office. If a woman with a family happened to be a widow, however, and had to earn her own living, that would be a different matter."

"In my own home, my husband, was a school superintendent, has three months vacation a year. He is on vacation at present. He has practically all of his time here, to aid me in taking care of the newspaper people who come to interview me, by giving personal data on my life and activities, sending telegrams and attending to organization work and so on."

"My daughter, who is vitally inter-

ested in the campaign, will accompany me throughout. She will meet many people in the State, people who are vitally interested in government, and she will always be a better citizen and more interested in her country because her mother took part in a political campaign."

"She helps in every possible way, running errands, washing dishes, sweeping floors and making beds. She is helping with more of the housework than she would were her mother not running for public office, and this is good for her."

"We all feel we are trying to render a service to our State, and it is a cooperative agreement. My little daughter has had the greatest amount of pleasure in meeting the newspaper people, who have come from all over the country, and she is getting as much as a two years' high school course in experience."

Attacks Her Opponent for His Newberry Vote
MRS. OLESEN'S Republican opponent is Senator Kellogg.
He is seeking re-election, and it is the belief of Mrs. Olesen that his attitude in the Newberry case has killed his chances.

"He will be defeated by his own record in the Senate," she said. "The seating of Newberry was the greatest political crime in a century, and Senator Kellogg was a party to that crime."

"Senator Kellogg's Newberry vote is a millstone about his neck which will sink him in the sea of political oblivion. I am a very small woman, without any political backing, but I know the people of Minnesota. They are in earnest, and they are sincere people. I shall go into every town in the State and debate the record of Senator Kellogg."